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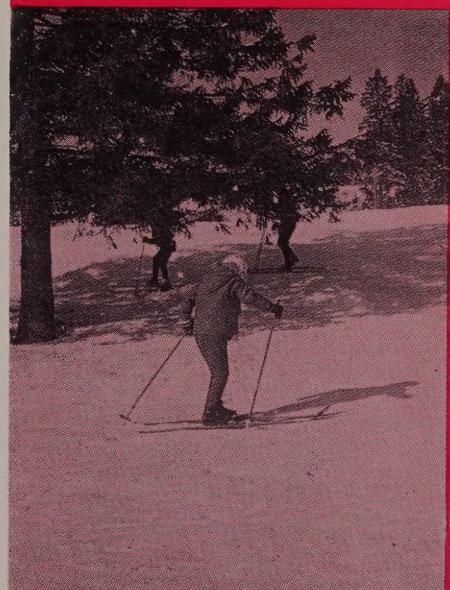
Spastics News



★ Princess Marina
opens new Centre

★ a delightful
bed-time story

★ the Society's A.G.M.
and all the usual
features



With his specially adapted supports,
this young learner is obviously enjoying
himself. Note the boot fastenings are
normal (left)

Side-stepping uphill, only gentle slopes
are attempted (above)

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OPENING OF TREVOR LLOYD HUGHES CENTRE

Princess Marina at Clatterbridge Hospital

IT was a fine sunny day when Princess Marina went to the Clatterbridge Hospital, Wirral, Cheshire, on 24th October, to open the new Trevor Lloyd Hughes Centre for Spastic Children. Sir Thomas Harley, Chairman of the Liverpool Regional Hospital Board welcomed the Princess in the South Hall which was packed with people, and the Princess, dressed in a deep cherry suit, replied telling the guests that the new Centre was an excellent example of co-operation between The Spastics Society and the hospital authorities. The Centre had been built at a cost of approx. £86,000 of which over £85,000 had been contributed by the Society. The responsibility of staffing and running the Centre will be undertaken by the hospital and local authorities.

Facilities for the treatment and education of spastic children were first provided at Clatterbridge Hospital about 10 years ago in rather makeshift accommodation. Four children were at first looked after and this number grew steadily until, recently, there were 20 children attending on a school basis as in-patients and 15 children as out-patients.

Modern Appearance

The new Centre is surrounded by open land, is built in a pleasant soft pink brick and is extremely modern in appearance. It is planned in two wings—medical and educational—centred around the main entrance foyer with shared assessment, dining and waiting rooms. There is a treatment room equipped with toys and play things where reactions of children can be studied. This room has a special waterproof floor which can be hosed down after the children have played with sand, clay or water. There are also rooms for occupational and physiotherapy and the swimming pool is filled with attractive blue water. The educational section consists of four classrooms providing for children between the ages of 4 and 15 years.

The new Centre will cater for up to 40 children and has been named in memory of the late Dr. Trevor Lloyd Hughes who was mainly responsible for thinking up the new Unit and enlisting the aid of The Spastics Society who provided the capital needed to build the Centre.



Princess Marina, Duchess of Kent, has a word with Gillian Hughes, the physiotherapist, who is giving a swimming lesson to six-year-old Karla Davies, in the fine pool at the Hospital

Dr. Lloyd Hughes was the former Senior Administrative Medical Officer to Liverpool Regional Hospital Board, and his widow, Mrs. Megan Lloyd Hughes and his father, the Rev. John Lloyd Hughes, were present at the ceremony.

Sir Thomas Harley, Chairman of the Hospital Board, said that in naming the Centre after Dr. Lloyd Hughes, they were paying a tribute to his work.

Mr. W. A. Burn, chairman of The Spastics Society, said that at the time the Clatterbridge project was planned it was unique. Now the Society had one or two similar schemes at the planning stage. But the capital cost of further centres of this type might be too great for the Society.

The Princess Visits Daresbury

The following day H.R.H. Princess Marina visited Daresbury Hall, the

Society's beautiful residential centre for intellectually handicapped adult spastics, near Warrington.

The Princess was greeted by Lord Leverhulme, Lord Lieutenant of Lancashire, and was conducted round by Mr. W. A. Burn, Chairman of the Society. She was shown the residents' new dormitory on the first floor and the separate Therapy Unit which is reached via a new covered way from the main Daresbury building.

When the Princess was presented with some toys, she suggested that these might be sent to the Princess Margaret appeal for toys for the children of Aberfan.

The Princess then unveiled a Commemorative Plaque in the main entrance hall of Daresbury and finally left the Centre to the cheers and waves of many of the residents in wheelchairs who lined the drive.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE and CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS

MR. J. E. O. Arnold and Mr. D. C. F. Edgington resigned from the Executive Committee and Mr. W. G. Jehan retired by rotation and sought re-election. Mr. W. G. Jehan of Preston was re-elected and Mr. T. T. Rees of Kenfig Hill and Mrs. L. Stockdale, M.B.E., were elected.

Messrs. T. P. S. Baxter, E. Burrington, A. F. Hazell and Mrs. D. E. Wheeler resigned from the Consultative Council and Mr. D. B. Belson retired by rotation and sought re-election. As previously reported, Mrs. G. I. Williams, O.B.E., C.C., died on the 20th September, 1966. The six vacancies on the Consultative Council were filled as follows:—

Mr. D. B. Belson
Mr. L. V. Holland
Mrs. Violet Moon
Miss Anne Scott
Mr. G. L. Smith
Mr. E. G. Williment

At a meeting of the Executive Committee held that afternoon Mr. W. A. Burn was re-elected Chairman of the Society for the ensuing year. Mr. A. P. Moira and Mr. H. W. Palmer were re-elected Vice-Chairman and Honorary Treasurer respectively. The decision of Mr. J. F. G. Emms not to continue as Vice-Chairman was accepted with much regret. The appointment of the second Vice-Chairman will be announced later.

Dr. Colin Cooke, O.B.E., M.A., J.P., was re-elected Chairman of the Consultative Council.

The Society's Role in relation to the Groups and Local Authorities

"More Co-operation"—Mr. W. A. BURN

THE 14th A.G.M. of The Society took place on Saturday, 29th October, in the Assembly Hall of International Students House in Park Crescent, London, next door to The Society's offices.

It was well attended by the Nominee Members of 160 Affiliated Local Groups, and other organisations, and the senior staff.

The day was divided into three sessions: the first dealt with the business side of adopting the E.G.M. report of May this year, and considering and adopting the Chairman's Report and Accounts. During the second morning session, Professor Jack Tizard gave a most interesting address on 'Special Education and Child Development'. In the afternoon the wish of members for more time for questions and answers about every aspect of The Society's work was met by devoting the whole session to discussion.

Mr. W. A. Burn, the Chairman, conducted the meeting and he delivered a wide ranging survey of the achievements of the past year and our hopes and aims for the future.

After touching on more recent events such as the opening of Thorngrove Agricultural Centre by the Minister of Agriculture (SPASTICS NEWS, November) and the Trevor Lloyd-Hughes Spastic Centre at Clatterbridge Hospital and centre at Daresbury by our Royal Patron, H.R.H. Princess Marina, he went on to congratulate the Midland Spastic Association for celebrating its 20th anniversary by securing Mr. Paul Cadbury as President.

He then offered the sympathy and condolences of The Society and colleagues to the relatives of Mr. J. H. Watson and Mrs. G. Williams who would be greatly missed.

In his statement published in this year's Annual Report, he said that there were more than 150 new projects or extensions to established projects in the planning stage and that if the Society were to increase, its income quite substantially or to receive increased support from Local Authorities an important part of this programme of essential work could be started much sooner.

'It is vital', he declared, 'that we direct our energies and re-double our efforts to ensure that some of this work is, in fact, started sooner. We should not delay for three or four years what we can with more determination do in 1967, but it is even better if we can make that same provision tomorrow or even today. Each human life is lived only once: not one of us can turn back the clock of time which ticks on relentlessly, and in every eight hours another spastic child is born.'

'We are failing individual spastics if we

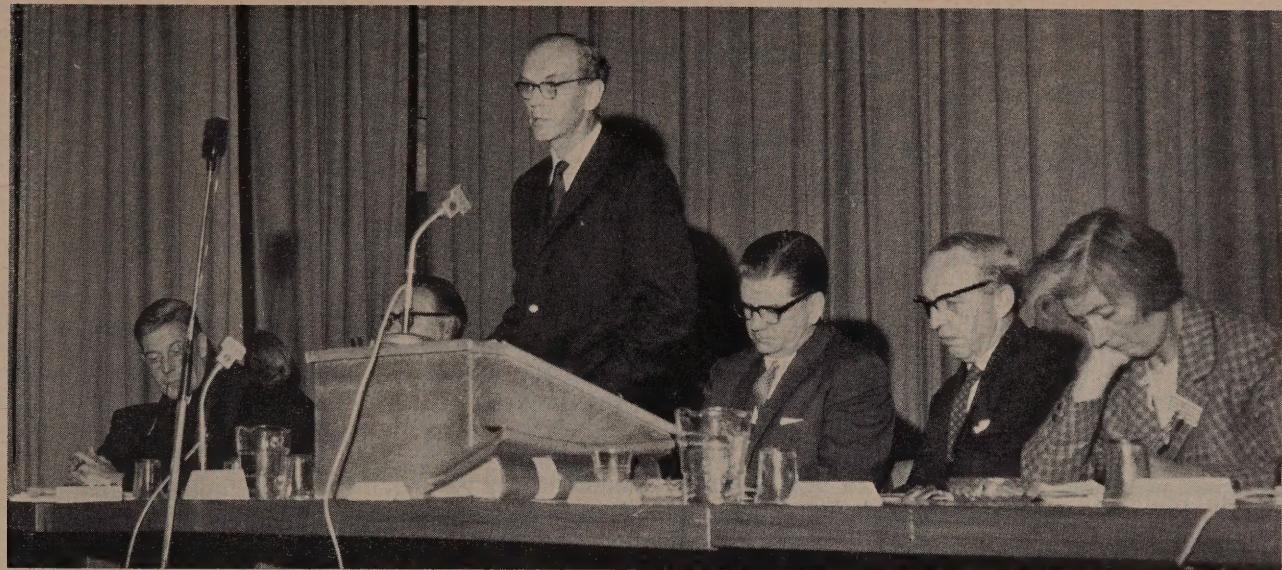
leave for several years what we can do in 1967. The lost years of non-provision can never be given back to an individual, and moreover the problem rarely gets easier by waiting, and it certainly gets more costly! We face today this tremendous back-log of non-provision for spastics resulting from decades of neglect. This, however, is not a signal for irresponsible expansion.

'Time is on our side only if we use it to the best advantage. In order to provide more centres and services for spastics we need more money by appeals to the public and wherever possible by grants from the Central Government and Local Authorities. We must also persuade the Statutory Authorities to make increased provision for handicapped persons generally and spastics in particular. To achieve these objectives all of us must work more closely together and co-ordinate our activities at all levels and in all fields of our work.'

'In addition to the Nominee Members here, who represent a membership of over 13,000 people we rely on the help and support of a very considerable number of other voluntary workers. We also depend on the sympathetic interest of a large cross-section of the general public for the major part of our annual income.'

'As a leading National Charity we must do everything possible to direct the energies of all these people in the best interests of spastics. As a first step we must improve our communications both internal and external. We have in the Society and its Affiliated Groups a wealth of knowledge and valuable experience which we must multiply by sharing these assets with each other in every possible way and at every opportunity.'

'Information, advice and guidance must flow freely from the Society to its



PROF. TIZARD SPEAKS: On the platform at the A.G.M. (L. to R.), Mr. A. P. Moira, Mr. J. F. G. Emms, Prof. J. Tizard, Mr. W. A. Burn (Chairman), Dr. C. P. Stevens, the Director, and Miss J. Garwood

Regions and Groups, from Region to Region, from Region to Groups and from Group to Group and from Groups to the Society. I am sure that The Spastics Society has much to learn from its Affiliated Groups, and Groups themselves from each other, so let us all resolve to help one another to do things better by passing on the practical knowledge and experience which we have gained during the past fourteen years or so.

'Much of our future expansion must, I believe, come from the Groups themselves, both services to spastics and the funds necessary to support these services. Groups must strengthen themselves in numbers and find persons with the spare time, qualifications and experience to help expand their local activities.

'We must co-ordinate our fund raising activities in co-operation rather than in competition with each other, but this will not always be easy to do. Throughout the country there are a number of Groups with considerable "know-how" regarding special ways of raising funds. Where a Group excels at something, be it a house-to-house collection, a bazaar, a shop in or near the high street, a steam engine rally, dividends from Co-operative Societies, or any new or original ideas, I appeal for it to pass this information on to other Groups and to the Society.'

'We must build up a clearing house of successful fund raising activities and new and original ideas. We must continually keep ourselves before the British public seeking to convince them how well we have used money already subscribed and how much more is still needed for the tasks not yet completed, and in many cases not yet even begun.

'We must ensure, therefore, that every

voluntary helper and every member of the staff knows sufficient about the Society and the Local Groups to enable each one of us to do our particular task to the best of our ability.

No internal combustion engine is one hundred per cent efficient, but manufacturers are constantly making improvements so that the fuel is used more economically and too much does not disappear in exhaust fumes.

'Any organisation has similar problems, and The Spastics Society with its Affiliated Groups must seek always to convert more of the total energy which we put into our efforts into tangible results for spastics, that is, to become more efficient. We must try very hard to ensure that the right people are in the right jobs at the right time, and that each one knows clearly what his Group, or the Society as a whole, is doing and why it is doing it'.

He closed his inspiring address by appealing to all members to co-operate in every possible way in raising money and providing services for spastics 'Example', he declared, 'is a lesson that all men can read, so let us resolve to set a shining example to all in the exercise of judgement, skill, care and patience in making decisions and in executing policy.'

'No matter how big we become, and no matter how many spastics we may be helping, let us always remember we are dealing with human happiness and indeed human lives. Let us show sympathy and understanding as well as humility in our work, and let us look back occasionally and give thanks for what our predecessors have achieved. And we must also look forward with resolve and courage for all we still have to perform'.

'Special Education and Child Development'

Prof. JACK TIZARD

AFTER AN INTERVAL for coffee where many old friendships were renewed and much gossip exchanged, the company re-assembled to hear Professor Jack Tizard, who occupies the Chair of Child Development at the University of London founded by The Society.

His subject was—'Special Education and Child Development'—and it was obvious from the close attention of those present that he had much of great interest to say.

Reviewing the past years that led up to his tenure of office, he paid tribute to the pioneer work of Dr. Susan Isaacs who ran the Department from 1933-1939, when it was closed, to be re-opened in 1943 under Miss Dorothy Gardner. It was in 1964 that the Professor's unit was founded, when it was the first in Great Britain.

They were charged with investigating: (i) ordinary children, (ii) backward children, (iii) maladjusted children, (iv) education and training of deaf children, and (v) education and training of physically handicapped children, especially those suffering from cerebral palsy. They had recently engaged Dr. Morganstern as a research psychologist.

The Spastics Society grant was one of the largest ever given to the University, but allowing for funding for reserves for

10 years, the annual grant was still not as much as might be thought necessary.

Research was increasingly expensive, but because of the existence of the Unit, it made it easier to attract workers and further funds. He, Professor Tizard, was in receipt of aid from the United States and the Medical Research Council as well.

He pointed out that there was a much greater awareness of the needs of the handicapped now, it was an entirely different situation to that in 1936 or even 1946.

It had been said rather cynically that the United States had Social Sciences whilst Great Britain had Social Services, but while it was true there was more money and facilities in the United States, he felt sure that the majority of researchers over here would wish to stay here to work.

There were four aspects of education the Unit was tackling:

- (i) Language communication. This included finger signs and lip-reading also the development of hearing aids, for there was much to be done with 'residual hearing', as Dr. Dale had pointed out.
- (ii) Language communication for the Cerebral Palsy subject. Here he mentioned an American missile expert who was working in his spare time on electronic computerised devices for converting sounds or movements into language.
- (iii) Motor development (movement). Physiotherapy was now based on physiological principles adapted to meet the needs of children with impaired limbs. Also it was found that games and activities should be devised of a beneficial nature, that brought enjoyment at the same time to patients and prevented them getting bored with endless 'treatment'. It was necessary for example to find ways to enrich the experience of the hemiplegic child, as their ordinary life experience was thwarted by lack of appreciation of distance, shape, weight, texture, etc.

This aspect of restricted development owing to lack of experience of environment had led a team at Nashville, Tennessee to initiate an exciting programme for what they called 'the culturally disadvantaged', i.e. suffering from retarded social development owing to extreme poverty and bad conditions. Much other work on these lines was proceeding.

This more 'structured' programme had been found to have a most bene-

Mr. Emms retires from the Vice-Chairmanship

IT IS WITH VERY great regret that one has to record the retirement of Mr. Emms from the Vice-Chairmanship. Mounting pressure of work and increasing family commitments have compelled him to reconsider the time spent on Society affairs, though happily he is able to continue as a member of the Executive Committee and will continue to chair the Regions and Groups Co-ordinating Committee.

His record of service to the Society so far is indeed impressive, with service on the executive committee from 1956, the Chairmanship from 1960-1963 during the difficult but triumphantly successful amalgamation negotiations, and the Vice-Chairmanship from 1963 to the present time; added to service on sub-committees, too numerous to mention.

A man of absolute intellectual precision, he has, in his high offices, given to

ficial effect on the families as well as the children participating in it.

- (iv) Organisation of services for the handicapped.

He was making this a key-point in his work, because he had found many variations in practice and differences of emphasis in this sphere in this country.

One side of it occupied his mind very much and that was the problem of residential care in Hospitals and Children's Homes. In general, homes were more stable than institutions because of the rapid turnover in staff in the latter. One had to take into consideration the question not only of separation from parents,

but also the possible deprivation suffered by those who stayed at home.

He was conducting a survey of the present schooling arrangements, etc., in the Isle of Wight, to find out the best service, and also working closely with a Regional

Hospital Board in experiments with small units and the training of staff.

To sum up, he stressed three points: one, a great deal can be done to remedy handicaps; two, studying children with cerebral palsy would also throw light on ordinary children; and three, there was a need to study environment as well.

the Society, an organisational framework and discipline that has carried it through those difficult years of expansion and success. We are pleased that his wise advice, unflagging enthusiasm and unfailing sense of humour will always be available to us in the future.

MR. JUPP RESIGNS

Following the Annual General Meeting Mr. R. A. Jupp tendered his resignation from the Executive Committee for personal reasons, and this was accepted with regret.

Mr. Jupp has been a member of the Executive Committee since 1957 and has also served on a number of the Society's Sub-Committees during that time.

The Society pays a warm tribute to his long and devoted services and places on record its deep appreciation of his contribution to its work.

The Discussion

THE AFTERNOON SESSION was thrown open for discussion and members availed themselves freely of the opportunity to question those on the platform about contact with local Authorities, the position of '62 Clubs, and the effectiveness of The Society's Appeals policy and Christmas cards.

Mrs. Wolff of Nottingham asked whether it would be possible to keep some Homes open in the holidays, in view of the difficulty of finding places for residents elsewhere. It was thought, however, that staff problems would arise unless they had a clear holiday.

Fears were expressed by Mrs. Costello of London as to the possible effect of S.E.T. on the handicapped, but on this point no evidence was yet available.

Mr. Thatcher, himself a spastic, asked whether a Green Card did protect a disabled person from dismissal and he was informed that it did not.

Mr. W. G. Thomas of Gloucester wanted more forceful publicity and quoted some examples of successful ventures in his part of the world. He thought, and Mr. J. D. Herd of Cumberland agreed, that it was much more difficult to raise money now than it had been for a long time.

Mr. Thomas at the end of the session also thanked Mr. Burn for his conduct of the meeting which gained general assent.



Mr. W. G. Thomas at the microphone

David Jacobs opens the Paddington Work Centre

ON WEDNESDAY 2ND NOVEMBER, the Paddington Work Centre, Foscote Mews, London, was officially opened by David Jacobs, who is the Chairman of the Stars' Organisation for Spastics.

This Centre, that serves quite a wide area, consists of an airy ground floor workshop, with ancillary offices, dining-room, kitchen, etc., and has room for 30 workers. The Warden is Mr. Eric Jewell. The work done varies from packaging to painting plastic ventilators, and assembly of fairly simple components. One or two of the visiting spastics also do some picture painting.

They were all very thrilled to hear David Jacobs say that the Centre was, 'not only a place of work, but also a place of happiness, where spastics could feel that they were really doing something useful like ordinary members of society'.

Mr. W. A. Burn, the Chairman, welcomed Mr. Jacobs and said, in his opening speech, 'The first spastics actually started work here in November, 1965,

being ten young men and women who had previously been employed at the North West London Spastics Society's Centre at Haverstock Hill. Unfortunately the lease there expired and it became urgently necessary to provide alternative facilities for these persons as well as others in and around north London.

The Spastics Society and its affiliated Groups attach great importance to this present phase of expanding the number of Work Centres throughout the country which are, in fact, run by Local Groups, the Society providing guidance and finance where necessary.

In 1961 we had places for only 75 spastics in our Work Centres, and concentrating on rapid expansion since then we now have 675 places in the 23 Work Centres in use. A further 32 Work Centres with approximately 1,000 additional places are in the process of being planned and built during the next few years.

This particular Centre in Paddington is a joint venture between the Society and the North West London Spastics

Society. The value of all these Work Centres is that they enable spastics, who are regarded by the Ministry of Labour as totally unemployable, to do useful and constructive work for five days every week in special conditions. The spastics live at home or in small hostels not very far from the Work Centres, and this not only reduces the cost of providing these facilities but also ensures that they lead as normal a family life as is possible.

We are grateful to the North West London Spastics Society for their co-operation and help in planning and running this Centre, and especially to their Management Committee and its Chairman, Mr. C. R. Jolly, who has provided invaluable help and given up a great deal of time to ensure the success of this venture.

Transport Facilities Provided

We are very grateful to the Local Authorities Ambulance Services for providing transport facilities and especially to the London Borough of Westminster who have helped in this and many other ways. We are also indebted to the Paddington General Hospital for providing physiotherapy and speech-therapy.

We are fortunate to have as our official guest today, Mr. David Jacobs, who as a T.V. and Radio personality needs no introduction to the audience. I would like, however, to take this opportunity of explaining that David Jacobs is the Chairman of the Stars' Organisation for Spastics which is an active Committee and raises a considerable sum of money every year. With these funds the Stars have met the entire capital cost of two of our National Centres, Colwall Court, a holiday hotel in Bexhill, and Wakes Hall, a residential centre for adults in Essex'.

Mr. Aarons, Chairman of the N.W. London Group, deputising for Mr. C. R. Jolly, Chairman of the Paddington Work Centre Management Committee, welcomed Mr. Jacobs and Dr. C. P. Stevens, the Director of The Spastics Society in seconding, made the point that in Great Britain we expect public figures to take an interest in such charitable bodies as The Society, and Mr. Jacobs had done a tremendous amount of work for us.

David Jacobs, after unveiling the commemorative plaque, was besieged by his admirers for his autograph.



DAVID JACOBS AMONG THE FANS: (Left to right) John Urquhart, Mr. W. A. Burn, the chairman, David Jacobs, Colin Smith and Margaret Maconachie (both from Woodford Hostel); in front, Mrs. Bramson, a voluntary helper, Susan Kerr, Michael Solomons, and Mrs. E. Palmer, a voluntary helper

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Spastics' Ambulance refused entry

POOLE, BOURNEMOUTH AND DISTRICT Spastics Society protested to the council when their ambulance was refused entry to the council car park. 'No advertising' said the spokesman. In future, however, the ambulance will be allowed in.

(*Daily Mirror*)

Plymouth Riders

MAJOR JOHN FARR of Beacon Riding School, Bittaford, who runs a weekly training course for disabled Plymouth children, said he admired their 'sheer guts

in getting into the saddle'. Mrs. P. van de Kasteele is the children's instructor and recently produced seven children to give a display at Bittaford. The organiser of the local Pony Riding for the Disabled Committee is Mrs. Harding who said 'the psychological effect on the children is instantaneous. They quickly gain confidence and never miss a weekly lesson.'

(*Western Evening Herald*)

Fashion Show for Ponds Home

A SUCCESSFUL CHARITY fashion parade was held at Watford Town Hall in October. Six adults and four child models paraded for a large audience showing dresses and coats supplied by Emete Fashions of Queen's Road.

(*West Herts Post*)

New swimming-pool for Wakefield

A PUBLIC APPEAL has just been launched to raise £10,000 towards a new swimming pool for Pinderfield General Hospital, Wakefield, Yorks, and the balance is to be met by the Yorkshire Committee of the Variety Club of Great Britain. The pool will be attached to the rehabilitation department and will be used particularly by spastic children and others suffering from muscular complaints.

(*Yorkshire Post*)

Exam successes for Ponds Home

SOME RESIDENTS at Ponds have done well in this year's G.C.E. examinations.

David Harris, who had already passed three Subjects at 'O' level, attained an 'A' level pass in Economic History. Also in this year's exams 'O' level passes were achieved by Margaret Hunter in English Language (Distinction) and English Literature (Distinction); Adrian Boult, in English Language



THE PROPOSAL: Rosamund Maxwell-Brown, David Jane and Michael Chope in a scene from Tchehov's play recently produced by pupils at Delarue School. It was one half of a double bill successfully performed at Tonbridge and Plaxtol



MISS SPINK—BRIDESMAID: When her friend Sylvia Parkes married Dennis Smelt, Eileen Spink, a member of Watford Group where Sylvia had been Assistant Secretary, was a bridesmaid, and a most charming and determined one to conquer her disability in leg and arm

(Distinction) and English Literature; and Keith Griffin in English Language.

(Courtesy: Bucks Examiner)

£425 for the Cornish Society

Camborne Round Tablers have recently presented a cheque for £425 to the Cornish Society and the Chairman, Mr. Ted Gundrey, asked that this money should go towards an occupational therapy centre at Rosebawne where the Gladys Holman Home would be opened next year.

(The Cornishman)

Spastic for Kent University

AFTER GAINING AN A-LEVEL in Maths and 7 O-Level credits, 20-year-old Barking spastic, Raymond Samuel, is now in his first term at Kent University. Until three years ago, he was at an ordinary school and since then has been at a special school. 'I enjoy life very much now', with three years of university life ahead of him, Raymond said, 'and I am looking forward to university, and am not at all nervous.'

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I am quite independent. I will be studying maths and hope to take a B.Sc. degree.

(*Ilford Pictorial*)

Bookie's Ball raises £350

FRED BOWEN LIMITED ran a charity ball and carabot at Port Talbot in aid of the Spastic Children's Association, Kenfig Hill, attracted 600 people and raised this fine total.

(*Western Mail*)

Queen's Guide Badge for Spastics Helper

FOR 'SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY', 16-year-old Sharon Powell has won a Queen's Guide badge. Her 'service' was to help staff at the Chantry School for Cerebral Palsy Children in Norton, Yorkshire. She went there once a week for five months—and is still going.

(*The Star*)



. . . the Goose Fair!

Swings and Roundabouts and penny in the slot machines, and all the other stupendous attractions, gave an afternoon's amusement to a group of children from 'The Mount', Nottingham, at the traditional Goose Fair on 6th October

Faraway Home for Spastic Children. The parents of the three girls commented 'We are proud of them'—and so are we.

(*Bucks Examiner*)

Swansea and District show a surplus

BILL PATON, editor of the Swansea and District Association Year Book, shows that as a result of the generosity of the public the Association has been able to cover their expenses at Longfields Centre and show a surplus of over £2,000 upon the year's running costs. Extensions to the Centre are now being undertaken and require the sum of £34,000 of which the Society is to contribute £20,000.

(*South Wales Evening Post*)

£50 from the Riders

THE DELARUE SCHOOL will receive £50 from the Sevenoaks Riding Club as part of the profit from the Sevenoaks Horse Show. This is a generous gesture from the Club that numbers several Delarue students amongst its members.

(*Sevenoaks News*)

Alma Cogan

A LOSS TO OUR SUPPORTERS, The Stars' Organisation for Spastics—Alma Cogan has died recently at the early age of 33. She will be much missed.

(*Daily Mail*)

Home-made Bazaar

ENTIRELY ON THEIR own initiative, Sheila Gross, aged 10, Lesley Kemp, aged 9, and Janice Pullen, aged 8, of South Heath, near Great Missenden, Bucks, raised £7 from a road-side bazaar that they had arranged with cakes, flowers, and toys. They are sending the proceeds to the

Mr. Pastry's Generosity

IN THE ANNUAL REPORT, mention was made of the fine hydro-therapy pool now amongst the facilities provided by the Sale, Altrincham and District Spastics Society. Mrs. Lil Stockdale, the Chairman of this group, wishes it to be known that Richard Hearne ('Mr. Pastry') donated no less than £8,000 towards this pool, free of all strings, and that they are deeply grateful to him for this splendid gesture.

NEWS of THE GROUPS

Monmouthshire

£285 CAME TO THE GROUP as a result of a party held this summer in the grounds of Glan-y-Raven, the Usk home of Mr. H. Padfield of Pontypool Rotary Club. Mrs. Clarrie Williams of Griffithstown branch, Chairman of the Society, said the money would be used well for the benefit of Monmouthshire spastics. The three-year-old Society arranged holidays for spastics, and a new work centre at Cwmbran that will be in operation next year would provide facilities for 40 spastics workers.

(*Monmouthshire Free Press*)



POTS OF MONEY: The Bailiff of Jersey, Sir Robert Le Masurier, smashed two giant vases at Jersey Potteries and released a flood of coins amounting to over £1,689. Members of the Jersey Spastics Society took on the mammoth task of counting them, but shared the result with other charities too. Mr. L. Smith, Chairman, and Mr. A. W. Filleul (Hon. Sec.), and Mr. A. Cunningham (Hon. Treasurer), and many other members were present

Grantham and District

THIS GROUP HAS RECORDED the first success of its kind when one young man who has been working locally is now completely independent for the first time. The Secretary, Mrs. J. M. Bird, said that there

were two spastics in a regional workshop at Scunthorpe and it was hoped to place others. If finances improved, said Mrs. Bird, they should be able to arrange for at least six families to have a holiday within the next 12 months. A grant of £400

was made by them to the Lincs Spastics Centre at Scunthorpe.

North-West Kent

MARIANNE WEST attended a meeting of the group and gave them quite a pep talk on spastics and their problems in employment. Mr. R. C. Payne (Group Chairman) described the work centre at Erith and said although it was not a 'posh' centre, it had been in operation for six or seven years and does give a home-bound disabled person, particularly a spastic, a worthwhile break from monotony.

(*Bexley Heath Observer*)



'WHAT AM I BID?' Mr. H. Coombes auctioning produce after a harvest festival at the White Horse Inn, Shoulton, in aid of Pontefract and District. Organised by Mr. and Mrs. R. Baxter's family and friends, it was attended by the Rev. C. H. Branch and Mrs. Branch (Secretary of the Association). £85 was the total raised

Exeter and Torbay

A FASHION SHOW was organised by the Society at the Rougemont Hotel, Exeter, and was well attended to raise money for the fund for the new clinic at Honeylands, Exeter. It will cost about £15,000 a year to run and will eventually replace two temporary clinics at Countess Wear and Torquay where three physiotherapists are now working full-time.

(*Express and Echo*)

Bath and District

'A FRUSTRATING YEAR' says Mr. Martin Price, the Secretary. Hold-ups over the Children's Day Centre at Bath have caused uncertainty. It was hoped the regional hospital board would soon give it a decision.

(*Bath Weekly Chronicle and Herald*)



Lord Lister Lived Here . . . LORD BROCK UNVEILS MEMORIAL PLAQUE AT PARK CRESCENT

A BRONZE tablet to commemorate the long residence of Lord Lister, the famous surgeon, at 12 Park Crescent, was unveiled on 31st October, by Lord Brock, immediate past President of the Royal College of Surgeons.

Four generations of the Lister family were represented at this very pleasant ceremony, where Lord Brock was welcomed by the Chairman, Mr. W. A. Burn.

Joseph Lister was, of course, the discoverer of the value of antisepsis in surgery, and it is a particularly apt conjunction of circumstances, that a man whose career was devoted to saving life should have lived where The Spastics Society now has its headquarters.

Before unveiling the plaque, Lord Brock said:

'IN 1876, when he was aged 49, Joseph Lister attended an international congress at Philadelphia as President of the Surgical section and gave an address on his antiseptic system, then in use for ten years. A contemporary account describes him as having "ruddy cheeks, side whiskers, and the shrewd, canny eyes of a Scotchman (sic)." This description is scarcely surprising as he was then Professor of Surgery in Edinburgh and had lived in Scotland for nearly a quarter of a century.'

Not a Scotsman

'But Lister was not a Scotsman; his family came from Yorkshire and he was a Londoner, born and bred.'

'He was born at Upton House in West Ham in 1827, graduated from University College, and spent the first 26 years of his life in London.'

"In 1853, he went to Edinburgh on what was to have been a short visit, but remained there for 24 years. He might have returned to London in 1865 when he applied for the Professorship of Sur-

gery at University College Hospital; to his great disappointment he was unsuccessful, although he was more successful with his antiseptic principle that he had introduced in that very year, 1865.'

A Long Life

'In October, 1877, the year after the Philadelphia Congress and when he was aged 50, he returned to London as Professor of Surgery at King's College Hospital and took up residence just 89 years ago this month at 12 Park Crescent where we are now gathered. It was, of course, convenient for King's College Hospital, then situated in Portugal Street, behind the Royal College of Surgeons and for 15 Fitzroy Square which he used as his private nursing home. He could, in fact, be seen driving to Fitzroy Square with his large steam carbolic spray or donkey engine, now preserved in the Royal College of Surgeons, sticking out prominently from his carriage.'

'He lived here for the next 31 years, nearly a third of a century, until he



(Top left): Lord Brock admires the gilt and bronze plaque beside the Society's front door. (Above) The family gather round (left to right): Mr. Arthur Lister and Mrs. Arthur Lister, Mrs. E. Pryor (great niece), Dr. Nicholas Godlee (who found the plaque), seven-year-old Isabelle Pryor, granddaughter of Mrs. E. Pryor, gets a good view in her father's arms

retired to Walmer for the last four years of his long life.'

'You will observe, therefore, that he spent 57 of his 85 years in London and it is fitting that this should be remembered.'

'His birthplace in West Ham carries a commemorative plaque and so did this house in Park Crescent until, because of the war damage, it was partly demolished and then rebuilt.'

The Tablet Rescued

'Last year, Sir Francis Walshe wrote to *The Lancet* to ask why this record of such a great man was no longer shown. Dr. Nicholas Godlee (great-great nephew of Lord Lister) then revealed that he had rescued the tablet, had kept it safely and was willing to hand it over to the Greater London Council for re-erection. Dr. Stevens, on behalf of The Spastics Society who now occupy the house, said they would be glad to receive it and to give it an honourable place on the building.'

Getting into the Bath— a suggestion in pictures



Side approach to bath using a chair with detachable arms



1 Move chair into position alongside bath and remove armrest. Apply brakes



2 Raise the left leg and place it over side of bath



3 Raise the right leg and move to side of chair, then, gripping bathside and armrest transfer weight to side of bath

Bath to wheelchair:
Read pictures in reverse sequence

Data: Height of bath side $2\frac{1}{2}$ in. Bath side to bottom of bath 15 in. Height of wheelchair seat with cushion 21 in.



4 Lower into the bath



5 Move hand positions to both sides of the bath

Compiled by
N. D. B. Elwes



CLEVER PRAM ADAPTION

Mr. Ward, of Essex, has arranged for Catherine to carry her young brother up behind in his clever adaption of an Allwin two-seater push-chair. The photograph on the right shows the pram with its weather protection up. Parents might be interested to note that the baby behind has a 14in. foot space and that the total length of the chair, as manufactured, is 30in. The two-seater from Richard Son and Allwin costs £13 10s. Od. with hood, and £9 15s. Od. without hood.



More Comfort for the Wheelchair-borne

Here is a photograph of the Talley Pressure Pad Cushion fixed in a chair made by Talley Surgical Instruments Ltd., 3 Hercules Street, London, N.7. The photograph shows a series of nine tubes which the battery-operated machine slowly pumps up and down in series, giving a very slow shifting movement to the user. The primary object of this cushion is to prevent bed sores and discomfort to the heavily handicapped who cannot shift themselves around in their chair. The machine has been tested by the Joint Committee on Mobility for the Disabled, and the Ministry have agreed to supply these where it is found clinically necessary and where no alternative method such as a sheepskin fleece is practicable. The unit, which includes the battery, weighs 15½ lbs. and is usually fitted at the back of the wheelchair. The unit costs approximately £50 but the firm also run a hire service. There is also a mains-operated unit which can be supplied as an alternative. A cover for the inflatable seat is provided.

Look Ahead !

Are you going to require an electric typewriter for £25 in six to eight months time? This is the approximate time for the waiting list at the moment, for second-hand reconditioned I.B.M. electric typewriters for the handicapped. These machines are taken off the production line at the rate of 4 a week. The remainder being sold commercially at many times this price. You will realise from this, the reason for the waiting list and for the gratitude we owe to this large company for helping us in this way.

There are also 10 NEW Remington electric typewriters still available at £40 each from this Society. Their original selling price was £175.

'Speedy Gonzales'

ANN PEARCE
and her Sley Ride

SIX MONTHS AGO my chance came for having a Sley Ride electric chair. I had driven one of these chairs before and thought how much easier it was than my wheelchair. But why I should have the privilege of getting an electric chair when I can get from place to place under my own steam, I don't know.

I used to push myself backwards in my wheelchair with my feet, and I could progress to a high speed when I got going. But now the theme is to make life easier for everyone, and the Ministry of Health supplies electric chairs as well as wheelchairs. I remember when I was young at school how I longed to have a wheelchair, instead of a home-made chair with four small wheels in which I was strapped all day. The idea being I should sit in a good position with less movement.

When an electric chair was sent to me from the Ministry of Health I could hardly believe I owned such a machine. I had the same experience as I did when I learnt to type.

I call this new chair 'my car' and have christened it 'Speedy Gonzales', I should think it will be as near to a car that I shall be able to drive. Having it saves much of my energy and time. I can think of other things as well as driving the chair. My sitting position has improved and I speak with less of an effort.

But there are snags with electric chairs like there are with everything else. One's body gets less exercise in these chairs, because all you have to do is lift a lever and away you go. Self-discipline is required, if you really want to prove that an electric chair is going to help you.

I would like to express my cordial thanks to the Ministry of Health for providing me with such an elaborate aid to living.

A VAULTING HORSE— ANY OFFERS?

A Gift from Coombe Farm. At this Centre there reposes a Vaulting Horse—5ft. long by 3ft. 3in. high, with retractable castors. Mr. Udall (the Warden) tells me it is in excellent condition. The Vaulting Horse was purchased by the Society and so long as it remains within our units, it could be transferred without charge. If you have a use for this Vaulting Horse please let Mr. Udall know.



Miss Ann Pearce in the garden at Coombe Farm

TEN-

PINNERS-
GLORIOUS

FRANK BARNES, of the Norfolk and Norwich Spastic Association writes to tell us about the Ten-Pin Bowlers at Norwich:

Fifteen spastics, who have been regularly competing in a league at the Norwich Ten-Pin Bowling Club, visited the Excel Bowl at Nottingham.

Matches were played against the Douglas Bader Spitfires, a bowling club for handicapped people.

Wheelchairs, arm supports, calipers and helping friends, did not deter serious endeavour and, with infectious good humour, both the competitors and a large audience enjoyed the whole programme.

The victorious Spitfires have agreed to visit Norwich for a return match.

INSURANCE OF MINISTRY VEHICLES

MOTOR ELECTRIC TRICYCLES supplied by the Ministry of Health are insured, at State expense, against Third Party Risks only. This means to say that the Ministry is not liable for any damage that the driver may do to himself when out in his tricycle. This Third Party Risk only applies when the vehicle is being driven by the person to whom it is issued, and when it is being used in accordance with the Conditions of Supply which stipulate that the vehicle can only carry the driver and no passenger, whether adult or child. You cannot arrange for additional insurance of the tricycle, but should you wish to insure against possible injury to yourself or the loss of your personal effects, this can be arranged on application to your local Appliance Centre.

Where motor cars have been supplied by the Ministry by virtue of there being two handicapped people in the family both eligible for tricycles who have opted for the issue of a car, the insurance is different, and I would gladly send them details of the existing cover provided by the Ministry.

Holiday Travel Abroad

Ministry vehicles cannot be taken out of the country even to Eire without the permission of the Ministry. If, however, you give three weeks' notice, special arrangements can be made, and details of

the method of travel, the countries to be visited, and dates of departure and return should be given. Similar notice must be given when tricycles are taken to Northern Ireland, the Channel Isles, Isle of Man, Isle of Wight, or any other destination involving a sea or air journey. A green card is also required for travel on the continent of Europe and in Eire, and it is important that this be obtained. Fees for green cards and any other additional insurance premiums which may be necessary are payable by the person to whom the vehicle is issued, and details will be given on application to Duveen and Walker Ltd., Insurance Brokers, 85 Gracechurch Street, London, E.C.3.

Additional Information

No Ministry vehicle is to be taken on the road without the driver having an up-to-date driving licence.

No Ministry vehicle can be used for hire or reward, or for racing, pace-making, reliability trials or speed tests. However, any handicapped person can approach the manager of his appliance centre for special cover outside that normally provided. His application stands a good chance of being considered and, if approved, insurance cover will be arranged by them.

N. D. B. Elwes
(Appliance Officer)

Torne - a Fragment of Moon

A CHRISTMAS STORY

specially written

by

Ann Hughes

TORNE found herself twisting and turning and turning and twisting and then fell down with a bump. Feeling very dazed and rather damp she sat up and looked around her. It seems rather dark, she thought, in fact, it was *very* dark, and the only little glimmer of light was coming from her own tiny dress made out of silver moonbeams.

'Goodness, where on Earth am I?' she cried.

'That is exactly where you are', said Goodness, a Moon Goddess, 'on Earth', as she suddenly appeared before Torne with her 'Star of Light'—

—and lucky for you, you are on Earth instead of some outlandish other Planet!'

'Oh, dear Goodness', cried Torne, 'where is my 'Star of Light'? I can't see it anywhere and I can't see very well without it'.

'You can see quite well enough with mine for the moment', said Goodness, 'and now you know what happens when you play too near the edge of Moon. How many times have I told you that those big bright shiny things that are always flying round us, make such a rush of wind that they whisk you off before you can say 'Man in Moon'?

'I am so very sorry', wept Torne sadly, as big silver tears dropped from her violet eyes, 'will I ever be able to go back? Please, Goodness, help me to go home to Moon'.

'Now, now', said Goodness, 'of course I will help you, but you will have to stay on Earth for a few days of Time, and while you are here, I would like you to help a Mortal who is lost or unhappy. Will you try and do that?'

'Oh yes, oh yes', cried Torne, 'I will try very hard'. Then she wept sadly again and said, 'but I won't be able to see without my Star'. (You see, *all* Fragments wear Stars of Light, that is why the Moon shines so brightly at Night, but when Fragments are naughty, they sometimes lose them altogether, and then they are very hard to get back.)

'Oh yes, you will', said Goodness, 'you see you are quite a lucky little Fragment, because I happened to be near when you fell to Earth, and I just managed to catch your Star in time'.

And with that, she put it round Torne's neck, threaded on a Silver Moonbeam.

Then, smiling at her very sweetly (for she knew that Torne was really a good little Fragment), she wiped her silver tear drops away with a little wisp of fine cloth—woven out of Moonbeams, of course.

Torne was now all smiles again, and said she would certainly look after her Star very carefully.

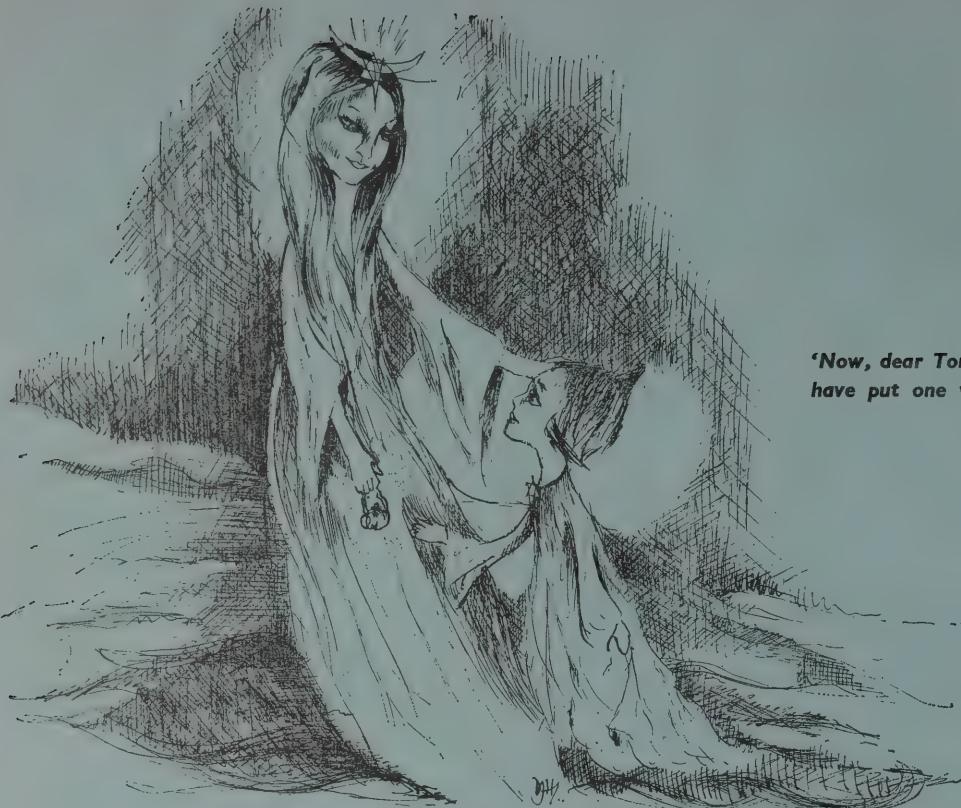
'Now', said Goodness, 'Mortals can see your Star in their Dark Time, but you can turn it off in their Light Time, and then they will not be able to see you and so you should be quite safe—anyway, they wouldn't hurt you, not like on some Planets I know'. Then, drawing out from under



Torne found herself twisting and turning . . .

ILLUSTRATED
BY

Deirdre Hindmarsh



'Now, dear Torne,' said Goodness, the Moon Goddess, 'I have put one wish in that little purse for you to help mortals'.

her cloak a tiny purse, she hung it on Torne's wrist.

'Now, dear Torne, I have put one wish in that little purse but it must be used to help Mortals—not for yourself, and then I will come back for you just before The Fête of the Millionth Lunar' (Moon's New Year), and with that, Goodness covered up her own large Star of Light, and Torne was by herself.

It was not *nearly* so bright without Goodness's large Star, but gradually she began to see where she was, with her own little one.

It was all very white everywhere, a *little* bit like Moon to look at, but rather wet and glistening and very soft—Torne didn't know what snow was but that is what it was . . . the whole countryside completely covered like a beautiful white cloud.

Torne began to glide, but being a Fragment her little feet hardly made a mark on the smooth white snow. Up hill and down dale she went, passing strange shapes on her way, sheep huddling together to keep warm, and horses and cattle sheltering under trees and close to the barns. The barns and cottages were like dark brown shadows with white hats on—all so still and silent.

Soon Torne came to a village, also so quiet and still and not a Mortal to be seen. It must be their sleep time, thought Torne.

After a little while, Torne noticed that light seemed to come from everywhere and all around her—not Star Light and not Mortal Lights. She stood and gazed in wonderment as the village became clearer and clearer, and Mortals came out of their cottages.

'Oh dear', thought Torne, 'I must put out my Star of Light or they will see me', and that is what she did.

'Now I must see what I can do to help a Mortal', she

said to herself, 'it's a lucky thing I learnt a little Earth Talk from Miss Lunette when I was at Orbit College'.

So she glided down the village shopping street looking in the windows at all sorts of strange things. The Mortals—big ones and small ones—seemed to be going in all different directions, in and out of doorways, into the shops with empty baskets and coming out again with baskets all filled up with strange shaped parcels in pretty coloured paper, and then going into their cottages.

Such a bustle, and hurry, talking and laughing, none of them seemed the least bit lost or unhappy.

Torne then came to one shop and in the window, in very large Earth writing she spelt out to herself—

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Of course, she thought, that is Earth's very special time, when all the Mortals try to be extra kind to each other. I can see its going to be very difficult to help a Mortal now!

*Up hill and down dale she went, passing
strange shapes on her way . . .*

Time had gone quite quickly because she now saw that the great Light all around was growing dimmer and dimmer, and one by one all the Mortal Lights went on in the windows.

The Mortals were still going into the shops with their baskets and now they were all saying to one another, 'Happy Christmas'! and words like, 'have you got your tree'? and 'have you stuffed your turkey'?

And the small Mortals were laughing and smiling and saying to each other, 'Ooh, I wonder what I will get off the tree', and 'I have wrapped up Mummy's and Daddy's present all by myself—so it's a secret', and 'I wonder if we will see Father Christmas this year'?

The big Mortals just smiled rather knowingly and with the words 'Happy Christmas' ringing in the air, all the shop doors shut and the Mortals went into their cottages.



TORNE now felt very forlorn and lonely. Not one Mortal was lost, and not one Mortal looked unhappy.

'Oh dear, what am I to do?' she thought, and not knowing what to do she glided from one window to another, and in each one she saw Mortals decorating a Tree.

They were putting small pretty red and blue and green, round shiny things onto the tree, and long silvery things—like moonbeams—were twined in and out of the branches, and then lovely little Mortal lights of different colours which sparkled and twinkled just like Stars.

Then, at the very last, they put a little Fairy Angel dressed in white and gold, with a golden star on her head, and a golden wand in her hand right on the top of the tree.

'Oh, how beautiful . . . how very beautiful it all looks', she whispered, 'and how very happy all the Mortals are'.

Suddenly Torne heard a funny little sound, sob-sob . . . sob-sob . . .



She saw two very small mortals standing hand in hand outside the Christmas shop.

'Oh dear, that is a sound that Mortals make when they are unhappy. Perhaps I can help', she thought, so she glided down off the windowsill and followed the little sounds of sobbing.

Gliding round a corner, she was back in the Shopping Street and there she saw two very small Mortals standing hand in hand outside the shop window which had the Christmas Decorations.

As she got nearer, she heard the bigger small Mortal say: 'Don't cry, Bar-Bar, one day we will have one'.

'Oh', said Bar-Bar, 'do you really think we will'?

'Of course, we will', said Billy, 'now, don't cry any more, it will only make Mummy more sad', and slowly the two little Mortals walked away, Billy firmly holding Bar-Bar's hand.

Torne followed them along the snowy street, feeling very sad for them, and wondering why they were so unhappy and what it was they wanted.

'Oh please, dear Goodness, I do want to help them, if only I knew more about small Mortals . . .' and then she heard from oh, so far away, a sweet silvery voice saying:

'Now, Torne, dear, just think how you can make them happy . . .' and then she knew that Goodness was trying to guide her. So she glided off after the two little mortals who went into the very smallest cottage.

Torne glided up onto the window sill and looked through the window and there she saw them with a lot of other little Mortals and two big Mortals whom she knew were the Mother and Father.

She then saw their tree—but a very small tree, in fact the smallest in the whole village. It did have a few coloured





*It was a very small tree, in fact
the smallest in the whole village.*

round things but no pretty lights, and NO Fairy Angel—and all the small Mortals were looking longingly up at the top of the tree.

'Never mind, children', said the Father, 'perhaps one day we will have a miracle and then you shall have a Fairy Angel just like all the other children'!

'So that is why the small Mortals were sobbing', thought Torne, 'they haven't got a Fairy Angel . . .'

Torne then suddenly remembered her wish, so she took it out of her little purse and said:

'I do wish that I looked like a Fairy Angel so that I could help these unhappy Mortals'.

No sooner had she made her wish than she heard that faraway silvery voice of Goodness saying:

'Yes, dear Torne, you can have your wish'.

*T*ORNE then looked at herself in the reflection in the window and she really did look like all the other Fairy Angels.

'Thank you, Goodness', whispered Torne, 'but I do hope I won't frighten them'.

Then she turned on her Star of Light and gently tapped on the window . . .

Billy, being nearest to the window was the first to look up.

'Oh, Oh', he cried, 'Oh look, oh look Bar-Bar, please Daddy, open the window, there's our Fairy Angel . . . you see Bar-Bar, I said we would have one, one day, and there she is'.

Then the Father jumped up and ran to the window and opened it wide.

Torne then glided in and went straight to the top of the tree, where she settled quietly.

The Father and Mother and the small Mortals were so enraptured that they silently gazed up at Torne in complete wonderment—at their real live Fairy Angel.

'A miracle, a beautiful miracle', said the Mother, 'Go Father and tell the Village that they must come and see our Fairy Angel'.

The Father then ran into the street and through the village shouting, 'Come and see, come and see our Miracle . . .'

So the Mortals came out into the dark, running and stumbling to see the Miracle, and when they all came to the smallest cottage there they saw on the smallest tree, Torne smiling quietly on the top, shining brighter and brighter, the loveliest Fairy Angel they had ever seen. And they all agreed, yes, truly, it was a Miracle.

Suddenly the whole Village was bathed in light, and from out of the dark appeared the Man In The Moon, large and round, sitting in the high heavens.

Torne now knew she had been forgiven, for the Man In The Moon had come to smile down on her, and also to give light for all the Mortals to go home safely to their own cottages and their own trees.

So Torne, the little Fragment of Moon, remained quietly shining for a few days, giving some Mortals a little bit of Happiness, until the time came for her to go home to Moon.



So Torne, the little Fragment of Moon, gave the mortals some happiness.

Louis Batty's remarkable new novel discussed by

Anne Plummer

(It is published by Secker and Warburg, 25s.)

THE CENTRAL CHARACTER of this spastic author's third novel is Graham Tindall, a successful thirty-year-old accountant. Graham, and his wife Eileen, represent the conventional suburban way of life, slightly ill-at-ease when transplanted to the dour Yorkshire landscape. Something of a prig, Graham is nagged by his wife, with a subtle hint of blackmail, into joining the Committee of a local home for incurables, so that they can mix with the right people socially. At least Eileen's motives are honest here. There is no self-righteous nonsense about 'the satisfaction of doing Good Works.'

Stonehouse Grange, the centre itself, is one of a nationwide chain, started by a distinguished war hero and thinly disguised by the name Victory Homes. At his second Committee meeting, Graham agrees to drive one of the older residents, Norman Oddy, to a home on the other side of Yorkshire, where he is to spend a holiday.

An obscure spinal disease in early middle-age has left Norman completely crippled in both legs and with partially affected hands. Sensing that Graham is uneasy in the unfamiliar company of a disabled person, he deliberately sets out to shock him with bad language and an

earthy sense of humour. Warned that he will be dealing with a 'character', the younger man tries hard to steer a rational course between revulsion, condescension and anger that this pitiful creature should dare to mock him.

Matters are not improved when, due to Norman's faulty navigation, they get lost in the wilds of the Yorkshire Dales, but as time goes on, Graham gradually begins to feel a kind of exasperated affection for his passenger. After a series of mishaps which, Graham suspects, have been cunningly engineered, they take shelter in an isolated vicarage. Norman, who is by now proving himself the stronger of the two, decides that they will stay overnight and their developing relationship is brought into focus by the introduction of other characters. The unusual household in which they find themselves consists of the Vicar and his widowed Swedish daughter-in-law, drawn together in this remote spot by a common grief.

During the course of the evening, Graham's state of mind is profoundly affected, first by the Vicar's discourse on the Philosophy of the Absurd, then by Norman's description of his early life. This reveals a rough, instinctive mode of existence, utterly different from anything in Graham's sheltered, middle-class experience. The tragic loneliness of the young widow has an equally disquieting effect and Graham's whole way of thinking is thrown into disarray in a short space of time.

All this helps Graham towards a greater understanding of, even respect for, Norman and when events suddenly build up to a dramatic climax the next morning, he is left with a deep sense of guilt and betrayal. He returns home, ostensibly to take up the threads where he left them at the start of the fateful drive, but he has been forced to question the whole scale of values by which he formerly lived, and knows that '... Nothing would ever be the same again ...'

As in 'The Narrow Shore', Mr. Batty's previous novel, the style is immensely readable, showing great insight into the human predicament.



Mr. Louis Batty

Four Poems

by JENNIFER HILL

an eleven-year-old
spastic girl

'WHEN I AWAKE'

When I awake on Christmas morn
I see beside my bed—
A packet of delicious pop-corn,
And golden ginger bread.
A doll with auburn head,
With a tiny silver ring,
And when you pull a string
Her voice can sweetly sing.
But the richest gift of all
Was the lowly Child adored by all.

FOR LIVING THINGS

Some flowers are very weak,
Some flowers are very strong,
Some flowers' stems are short,
Some flowers' stems are long,
Some children are very weak,
But every child's voice
Should sound with sweeter song,
Some birds are very weak,
Some birds are very strong,
But however weak or strong,
Each bird sings a cheerful song.

'BOOKS'

Books take you to a land far away
Where life is always good;
To a city full of chatter and noise,
To the midst of a gruesome wood;
To the pleasant land of holiday
Beside the foamy sea;
To a cave of fright and mystery
Where you wriggle to be free.

Books take you to the places
Where you've never dared to go,
To Father's private study,
You'd wish him not to know!
Books take you to the mountains
So cool, and fresh and green.
Books show you sights and pictures
That you have never seen.

'GOD HATH MADE MY EYES'

God hath made my eyes to see my Lord,
My ears to hear the message of His
word,
My hands to do His work of light and
love,
My feet to mount the path to heaven
above,
My heart His promise to believe,
My soul His spirit to receive.



At the United Charities Fair, held at Grosvenor House on 14th November, the Countess of Westmorland came along to the very busy S.O.S. stall, and was photographed here with John Blythe, Leslie Crowther (with bucket!) and Mrs. Goodwin

AT THE A.G.M. of the S.O.S. in October, the Countess of Westmorland announced that she was retiring from the Presidency of the S.O.S.

The Chairman of the Society, Mr. W. A. Burn, in paying a tribute to the leadership she had given to the Stars in their work for spastics, said that a great deal of the S.O.S.'s success was due to the 'time, energy and inspiration Lady Westmorland had given in her ten years as President'.

The Organisation had only been in existence for eleven years—a short time to achieve so much. But both Lord and Lady Westmorland had given their help to the Society and had entertained them on numerous occasions. She had attended all the functions organised by the S.O.S., including travelling to Manchester on three occasions to act as hostess at the S.O.S. Ball, and in addition she had opened 'The Grange' centre at Kelvedon, Essex, and planted the first tree at the Kingston Centre Workshop, in the midst of a busy life and bringing up a family of three children.

Mr. Burn said that he knew he spoke on behalf of everyone when he thanked Lady Westmorland for her tremendous hard work. He hoped that she and Lord Westmorland would be able to find the time to continue to support their activities.

David and Pat Jacobs were, for the second time, hosts to the S.O.S. for its meeting, which, of course, was chaired

by the Countess of Westmorland who had hoped to introduce to the members their new President, the Marchioness of Tavistock, but unfortunately she was unable to be there owing to the illness of one of her children in Scotland. However, the

Angel Inn, Tooting, and the second to The Carpenter Arms, Kennington. Both pubs gave him a tremendous welcome and expressed the hope that he would pay them another visit when they had collected more money for The Spastics Society.

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I went to Brighton one Sunday to meet Dora Bryan and she and her husband came with me to The Dorset Arms where Dora knocked over a beacon. This house has collected £100 for the Beacon scheme and has promised to continue their efforts. The landlord hoped that Dora would come back and visit them again when they had collected another £100.

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David Jacobs and I went to the Billy Smart Circus charity night in October to meet the Smart family who are old friends of his. Despite the very sad death of Billy Smart two weeks previously, in true circus tradition the show went on. We were also delighted to meet at the

the Stars in their Courses — *News of the* STARS ORGANISATION FOR SPASTICS

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Marquess of Tavistock was there in her place and took back with him to his wife the best wishes of the members for the speedy recovery of his son.

Lady Westmorland had very kindly invited me to lunch to discuss the agenda for the Annual General Meeting, and I very much enjoyed meeting her and again seeing her lovely home.

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Peter Murray recently came with me on two hectic pub visits, the first to The circus Mr. and Mrs. Ron Goodwin and

their son, Mr. and Mrs. John Horsley, Mr. and Mrs. Inia Te Wiata, Miss Diane Hart and her children and Mr. Derrick de Marney and his niece. We all had a splendid evening and are most grateful for the £500 donation they subsequently sent to the S.O.S. funds.

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On a bright Saturday afternoon in early November I drove to Wakes Hall to accompany the Warden and residents to a party which was being given by the Colchester Rugby Club. This party was

organised for a number of spastics from various Societies' Centres together with elderly patients from hospitals in the Colchester area. Everyone had a marvellous time at the Red Lion and were entertained with a splendid dinner and cabaret.

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Susan Hampshire came with me for a second time to make the final judging in a carpet competition. We enjoyed seeing the entries selected from the many competitors from all over the country.

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Donald Houston, Sylvia Syms, Ron Goodwin and John Horsley, met together recently as members of the Wakes Hall Management Committee to discuss again with Mr. Lancaster-Gaye, the Development Secretary of The Spastics Society, plans for expansion at Wakes Hall. They resolved to recommend to the General Committee of the S.O.S. that authority would be given for plans to be got under way for accommodating a further four adult spastics.

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Ron and Ellen Goodwin met me on Sunday, 13th November, at Park Crescent, along with George Moon and Jean



At the very successful S.O.S. Ball at the Midland Hotel, Manchester, Jack and Betty Howarth, Pierre Picton and Vera Lynn toasted the venture in 'bubbly'

Crowther to transport the gifts which had been collected by the members to Grosvenor House for the United Charities Fair. The Fair was opened by Peter Murray the next day and many of the members of the S.O.S. attended to help on our stall. The very satisfactory sum of £250 was collected from the sale of articles.

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Manchester Ball

I was delighted to meet Jack and Betty Howarth again on Tuesday, 8th November in order to prepare the table plan for the ball which had been organised

by them on behalf of the S.O.S. at the Midland Hotel for the following night. On the afternoon of the 9th I collected Vera Lynn and Avril Angers from Manchester Piccadilly station who had travelled from London to attend the ball and participate in the cabaret. We all went back to the hotel to meet Bob Sharples who directed the orchestra which played at the ball. The other cabaret artists were Eddie Calvert, Tony Cawley, Walter Dinoff, and Mary Ryan. Everyone had a splendid evening and the tombola, which had been organised by Betty Howarth, was a fabulous success.



PIERRE, THE CLOWN, WAS NOT JUST FOOLING when he pushed over a beacon of pennies at the Portland Hotel, Birkdale, on Thursday night the 3rd November. The money, which was in aid of Southport, Formby District Spastics Society, was presented to the Chairman, Mr. R. Hinds (fifth from left). The chief collector was Mr. Fred Harper (extreme left)

STOP PRESS!

Don't forget the Grosvenor House Ball is on Monday, Dec. 5th—a few tickets are still available.

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David Jacobs is again organising the Cabaret for this 12th Stars Ball to be held at the Grosvenor.

Vera Lynn is busy collecting gifts for the Tombola.

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Tickets at 4 gns. each—apply to the Secretary, S.O.S. 12 Park Crescent, W.1.

Mr. Jimmy Edwards Amongst The Birds—



and Mr. Wally Pope works nine hours non-stop in record-breaking auction

THE SECOND PIGEON AUCTION organised by Wally Pope in conjunction with the Society, was an 'unparalleled success'. The Assembly Rooms at St. Pancras, London, were thronged with over 800 enthusiastic pigeon fanciers on Saturday, 1st November, who paid over £3,000 for the 200 lots. This exceeded the target by £1,000 and was an increase of £2,300 over last year's total.

Mr. Wally Pope worked non-stop for nearly nine hours, auctioning birds—a feat of perseverance in itself—and it is thought that he made two world records for an auction of this kind; one for the largest amount raised, and one for the highest price ever paid for a young bird—£125.

After a civic welcome by the Mayor and Mayoress of the Borough of Camden, an address by Mr. N. Lyster-Binns (Assistant Director, Appeals and Information), and Mr. W. (Taffy) Bowen of Treorchy, Mr. Jimmy Edwards took the stand and proceeded, by his unique blend of humour and good fellowship, to get everyone in the mood to bid their best. He is, of course, a pre-eminent member of the Stars' Organisation for Spastics and our thanks must go to him for kindly

sparing the time to come along during the run of his present successful show.

Many pigeons were specially bred for the event and Jimmy actually auctioned one sent from the Royal Loft. Other entries came from Canada, U.S.A. and the Continent.

The indefatigable Mr. Pope is not, however, resting on his laurels; he is already making plans for another auction next year, with a higher target and many fanciers have responded to his invitation again to donate birds, among them a promise to donate a youngster from a bird that has recently been purchased for over £1,000.

The proceedings were monitored by an enterprising pigeon which managed to escape in the early stages and after circling the hall several times, much to the amusement of the audience, perched on the highest point of the cornice in the hall. With some misgivings we append a report purporting to have come from this character giving his impressions of Mr. Edwards' somewhat racy speech.

'Mr. Jimmy Edwards, one of our most enthusiastic Stars of the S.O.S. was, as usual, up to his neck in the vernacular!

(I have always wondered what that square bottle with the round flavour actually contained, but our Jimmy certainly knows how to pack it away!)

'Now back to business', he remarked, 'Where were we? Oh yes, you all know that story about the chap who lost his cap, but then, there are no new jokes, only its fun to give the old ones an airing!' (He should know). 'I'm not here to be a comedian', he went on, 'I'm here to see "the birds"' (pause for laughter) 'as I say, "the birds". We are all here with one object, to help others in their fight for spastic children, I don't think I need say more than that. Come on, come on you lot, your best bids gentlemen, for these pigeons given freely from the best lofts in the Kingdom.'

'The names in the catalogue will mean more to you than they do to me, but then you don't want to buy a pig in a poke—I mean a bird in the bush, do you?'

(If that doesn't serve him right for threatening to get me with his 12-bore, I don't know what will.—Your Flying Correspondent.)

Brighton, Hove and District

regret to announce the death of their late Chairman, Mr. C. Davidson, and also of their President, Lord Cohen of Brighton. He and Lady Cohen have long taken a keen interest in the work of the Centre, and he will be much missed.

Miss L. M. Middlemass, the Superintendent, has now retired and will be living in Switzerland. Her idea of a 'Mile of Pennies' to raise funds goes on, however, and has so far notched up over £50—at 2s. 6d. a yard, that is good going.

Their main interest at the moment of writing is organising the Spastics Fair at the Corn Exchange, where there will be three stalls run by parents; we hope to report the result in the next issue.

To Mrs. Birchall—a Son

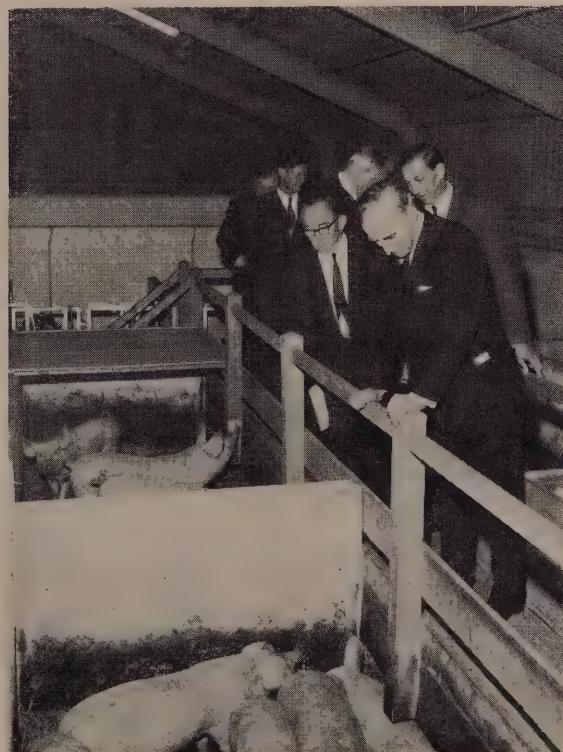
Belated congratulations to Mrs. Birchall on the birth of a son—Timothy, who was born on 16th September. She has, of course, resigned as Tutor-Organiser for Oakwood Centre, but will be remaining as a part-time Tutor in English.

'62 Clubs

The '62 Clubs' Supplement will be appearing in the January issue. Owing to pressure on space it has had to be held over.

Mr. Peart and the Pigs

After declaring Thorngrove Farm officially open in October, the Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Fred Peart, made a tour of the buildings and is seen here inspecting the pigs. Somewhat reminiscent of the scene in one of P. G. Wodehouse's epics, where Freddy Threepwood, in moments of stress, used to bounce a tennis ball on the back of the pigs at Blundings Castle



Mr. N. Lyster-Binns joins the Society

—Assistant Director, Appeals and Information

THE NEW ASSISTANT DIRECTOR of the Society, with responsibility for Appeals and Information, who joined us on 1st November, is Mr. N. Lyster-Binns who, though settled in the South, is proud of his Yorkshire background and his family's roots in the West Riding.

His wife, Jean, comes from an old Methodist family in the North West, who have lived for generations in Westmorland and Liverpool but basically are Welsh. There are four children, Joanna, Kathryn, Richard and Benjamin. Joanna is busy collecting tinfoil for Spastics, and Kathryn came to the recent Pigeon Auction and drew the raffle. The boys are

too young to play their part yet. Mrs. Lyster-Binns is a physiotherapist trained at Guy's, with a keen interest in helping handicapped children to help themselves. The family live in an old cottage at the foot of Dunstable Downs, near Whipsnade.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Lyster-Binns have an interest in social work, and in fact met in a club for alcoholics! At that time the Assistant Director had not long finished his service in the army, and coupled with his job as Assistant Secretary of a group of Anglo-German Companies in the medical field, he was running a Youth Club in the East End for ex-borstal boys and girls, and was Hon. Secretary of a centre for Homeless Men. Perhaps the most dominant force on his life then was Toynbee Hall, where he was a resident for a year, and the Rev. George Appleton, then the Parish Priest of Aldgate and now Archbishop of Perth in Australia.

First he is interested in people, but motivation is clearly through the Church, where his interest lies in relationship between Christian people of all denominations. He is a Churchwarden of the parish of Eaton Bray, and was formerly Deputy Warden at St. Botolphs, Aldgate.

When time can be found, gardening is essential to feed his family, music helps to relax, and model engineering makes a change as good as a rest. On holiday at Windermere the whole family enjoy 'mucking about in boats'.

When the British Heart Foundation was established, Mr. Lyster-Binns was invited to set up the Appeal Organisation, and after acting as Appeals Secretary for a time, he remained with the Foundation as Deputy Director for three years, until he was selected to join the Society to build up our appeals.

Keith was just the chap they wanted

TWENTY-ONE-YEAR-OLD KEITH SMITH, of 55 Gervase Road, Horbury, who is a spastic and has little or no use in his legs, underwent a long course of training with The Spastics Society at Welwyn, in Hertfordshire, on assembly work for light engineering.

Unfortunately, when he went home he could find little opportunity to use his training until a local bus company stepped in. Keith, they said was just the chap they were looking for.

'We had a problem with the TIM ticket machines used by our conductors', explained Mr. Green, chief engineer for the West Riding Automobile Co., Ltd., Wakefield. 'Maintaining and repairing them will be a full-time job, so we thought we could train Keith to do this job.'

'As I said, it has worked out very well, and after only three weeks Keith is now tackling about a dozen machines a day, which is probably as many as he will have to deal with on average'.

To make things easier for him the company allows Keith to drive his small disabled person's car right up to the door of his workshop, and have also constructed a special bench to hold the tools he needs.

'Most of the faults are relatively small', Keith said, 'but I have had one or two teasers already. I was very happy to come here though and do a steady job of useful work'.

EMPLOYMENT NEWS

The following news has been received recently:—

ELAINE BENNETT from Stevenage has commenced employment as a clerk/typist for Acousticon Ltd.

SUSAN CHAPMAN from Peterborough, is working for Jean Sorel (Cosmetics) and is now on the permanent staff.

JOSEPH COLLINSON from Enfield, who trained at the Chester Office Training Centre is now employed as a clerk by the Enfield Highway Co-operative Society.

DAVID CONNOR from Leeds, has been in employment for some time.

SUSAN COOMBS from Bridport, who trained at the Chester Office Training Centre is employed as a filing clerk and addressograph operator for a firm in Bridport.

TONY ELLIS from Cleethorpes, is now working for the local Parks Dept.

PETER MICHAEL EVANS from Southampton, who recently completed a course of Further Education at Dene Park, has commenced at Remploy where he is a machine operator making knitted stockings for artificial limbs.

DAVID HASLAM from Bury, is working in a local garage. He is doing car maintenance and cleaning work.

WENDY LEADBEATER from Cheshunt is working locally in a small factory.

SUSAN LEAVY from South Lambeth, who trained at the Chester Office Training Centre, is employed as a clerk by the Ministry of Public Building and Works. **STEPHEN MARSDEN** from Abercrafte, is working in the Cambrian factory at Llanwrtyd.

GERALDINE McALLISTER from Dublin, is working as a filing clerk in the Case Filing Department of the Social Work and Employment Department of the Society's offices in Park Crescent, London.

CAROLYN McGACHEN from Cambridge, who trained at Queen Elizabeth's College, Leatherhead, is working in Cambridge as a punch card operator for Pye Telecommunications Ltd.

ALAN MONTGOMERY from Exeter, has changed his job and is now employed by the Devon County Police in the stores of the Department of Transport Unit.

ROBERT PEARSON from Sleaford, who trained at Sherrards, has changed his job and is now working at Messrs. Hawker Siddeley at Hatfield.

GRAHAM RICHARDS from Wareham, is doing gardening work locally.

RICHARD RUSZ from Peasdown, has been working for some time as a packer for Messrs. Harbutts Plasticine Ltd., nr. Bath.

ELIZABETH SHIEL from Manchester, is now employed there by V.G. Garments Ltd.

KEITH SMITH from Horbury, who trained at Sherrards, is working as a ticket machine repairer for the West Riding Automatic Co. Ltd. (see story left).

PETER SYKES from Leeds, has been working for some time in a local laundry.

MICHAEL THOMAS from Liverpool, has changed his job and is now working as a general clerk for British Railways in Liverpool.

HUGH WATT from Bristol, who trained at Sherrards, is now employed at the local Remploy.

ROBERT WILLIS from Cardiff, has changed his job and is employed as a trainee groundsman by the Cardiff Athletic Club.

SHERRARDS' STATUS

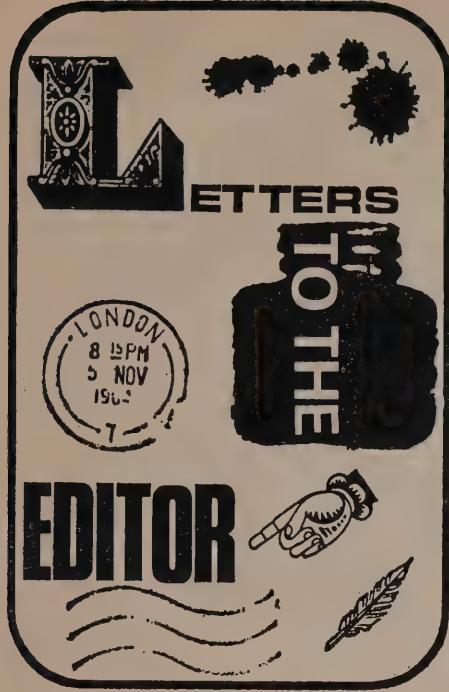
Some confusion may have arisen from the article in the November SPASTICS NEWS entitled, 'Sherrards—A Step Forward' with regard to past and present financial support from the Ministry of Labour. To clarify any misunderstanding we would like to confirm that during the period from 1956, when it was opened, until April 1966, the Ministry of Labour recognised and gave financial help to Sherrards as a Sheltered Workshop. Since April 1966, when Sherrards was officially recognised as an Industrial Rehabilitation Unit, the Ministry have—as stated in the article—continued to give comparable financial support but under the different heading.

S.T.A.

BILLIARDS AND SNOOKER ● ● ●

DECEMBER

1st	Croydon Cons. Club, Tavistock Road, Croydon, Surrey	J. Gardner and J. Rea
2nd	Ringwood Social Club, West Street, Ringwood, Hants	J. Gardner and J. Rea
3rd	Wimborne Cons., West Borough, Wimborne, Dorset	J. Gardner and J. Rea
5th	Staley Ward Cons. Club, Mottram Road, Stalybridge, Cheshire	J. Rea
6th	Railway Men's Club, East Park Road, Leicester	J. Rea
7th	Ivanhoe Social Club, Wilfred Place, Ashby de la Zouch, Leics	J. Rea
8th	Bedford Men's Club, De Parys Avenue, Bedford	J. Rea
9th	United Services Club, King's Road, Chingford, E.4	J. Rea
9th	Cons. Club, York Road, Maidenhead, Berks	J. Gardner and K. Kennerley
12th	Lightbowne Liberal, Kenyon Lane, Moston, Manchester	J. Rea
13th	Palatine Club, St. James Place, Waterfoot, Rossendale, Lancs	J. Rea
14th	Stamford Golf Club, Heyheads, Stalybridge, Cheshire	J. Rea
14th	Heanor Cons., Church Street, Heanor, Derbys	J. Gardner and K. Kennerley
15th	Crompton Golf Club, High Barn, Royston, Oldham, Lancs	J. Rea
15th	British Legion, Coventry Road, Sheldon, Birmingham	J. Gardner and K. Kennerley
16th	Kirkham Cons. Club, Ribby Road, Kirkham, Preston	J. Rea
16th	Moulton Verdon Institute, Moulton, Northwich, Cheshire	J. Gardner and K. Kennerley



A CHARACTER CALLED WHISKEY

Dear Editor,

I've just recently returned from an enjoyable holiday spent at the Bedford Hotel, Clacton-on-Sea.

I went with a friend who though she is deaf and dumb can walk so was able to push me as I am in a wheelchair.

We experienced much helpfulness from the staff at the hotel and from the people of Clacton, but we benefited most of all from our self-appointed guide—the hotel dog named 'Whiskey'.

'Whiskey' would always escort us up town—I don't think he trusted us on our own!—also I think he must have sensed that my friend was deaf as he would wait

SWANSEA WORKS CENTRE, LONGFIELDS: Mrs. L. Rumbelow, Supervisor, is seen here talking to Mr. Alan Williams, M.P. for Swansea West, who was paying his first visit to the Centre at West Cross. He watched the basket makers at work with the Works Centre Manager, Mr. H. McKelvie

(Courtesy: S. Wales Evening Post)

for us at all the crossings to make sure we crossed safely.

But it wasn't only us he looked after; he obviously felt that it was his 'duty' to look after us all—though I was told that he hadn't been trained to do what he did but had just picked it up of his own accord.

On fine days a group of us from the hotel, mostly in wheelchairs, used to go across the road and down to the beach. Then every so often 'Whiskey' would come down, poke his head round the corner and inspect us for a while as if to assure himself that everyone was all right—a four-legged friend indeed.

Yours sincerely, PAT LLOYD-JONES (Miss), 102 Bassaleg Road, Newport, Mon.

MISUSE OF 'SPASTIC'

Dear Editor,

I see in the papers that the latest term of abuse amongst Debs and their De-lights is 'spastic'.

I am sure my fellow-sufferers from cerebral palsy will be enchanted to know that we are helping to further the cause of fashion, for once!

Yours faithfully, TRENDY ATHETOID.

A GIFT FROM SOME CLIMBERS

Dear Sir,

Whilst on a school mountain walking holiday in the Lake District during the summer vacation, two of the boys taking part had the happy idea of making a collection for the benefit of those children who were less fortunate than our



Mr. John Nelson, headmaster of Irton Hall Children's Home for Spastics, received a £50 cheque from Mrs. Joan Salmon, of the Crown and Anchor, Mirehouse, Whitehaven, on behalf of the West Cumberland Women's Auxiliary Association of the Licensed Trade, at their annual dance in the Cumbria, Workington

(Courtesy: Cumberland Evening Star)

'climbers'. At a subsequent slide show of the trip which was given to parents, the collectors again made an effort, and I enclose the results of their labours—postal orders to the value of £5 13s. od., which we all hope will be acceptable to your Society.

Yours faithfully, P. B. CAPON, Bordesley Green Boys' Technical School, Bordesley Green Road, Birmingham, 9.

Thank you Mr. Capon. Mr. Archibald sent on your letter to us, and we are happy gratefully to acknowledge your generous gift in these columns—Editor

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GRATITUDE TO THE S.O.S.

Dear Madam,

My husband and I have just returned from visiting our son, who is a resident at Wakes Hall, and we should like to express our appreciation and gratitude to the Stars' Organisation for Spastics for all they have done.

Wakes Hall, with its beautiful decorations and furnishings, busy workshop and attractive grounds, must be one of the best homes in the country and we were particularly impressed by the devoted care and attention given to the residents

(Continued overleaf)

LETTERS (cont'd.)

by Mr. and Mrs. Chapleo and the wonderful staff.

To know that our son is being so well cared for in such lovely surroundings is a great comfort to us and our gratitude and best wishes go to all members of the S.O.S. for making this possible.

Yours sincerely, LILY DENNETT (Mrs.),
14 St. John's Road, Yeovil, Somerset.

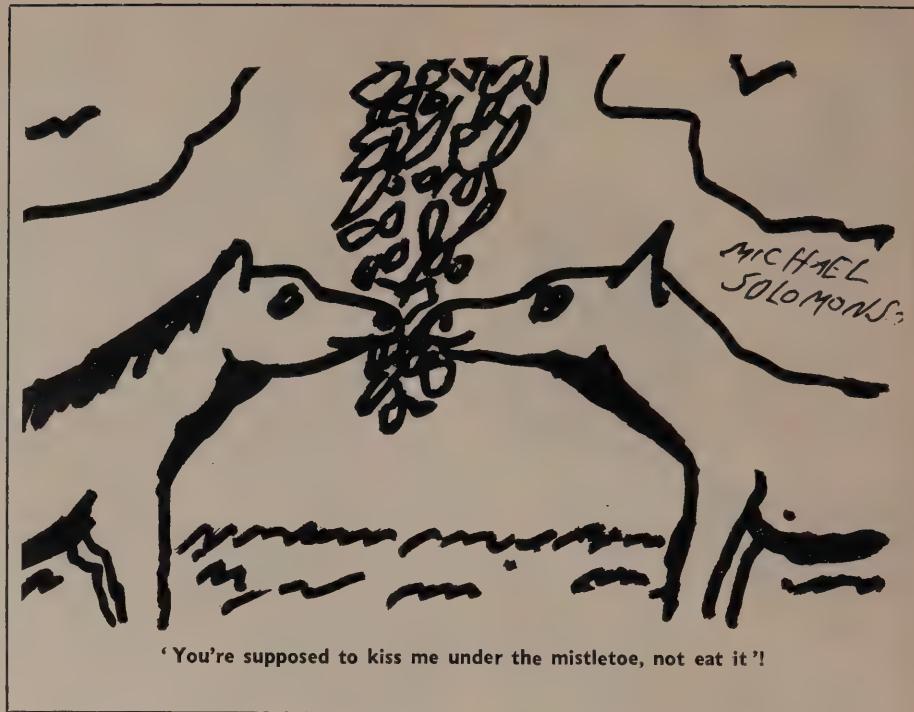
Mrs. S. Rawstorne showed Mrs. Dennett's letter to us and we have much pleasure in reproducing it here. Such sentiments are not unusual but they are seldom so well expressed. Thank you, Mrs. Dennett—The Editor

'A GREAT MEETING'

Dear Editor,

I feel everyone who attended the recent Annual General Meeting in London, would agree it was a meeting well worthwhile. It was conducted splendidly by the Chairman, who was very impartial and fair to all speakers from the floor. I was particularly pleased at the brevity of speeches from the platform, which made the morning session very interesting and enjoyable.

I must confess, however, that the afternoon session gave me a real thrill. The number of questions that delegates put, and the great interest shown by the floor in both the questions and answers, proved me to be right when I moved for more time for this sort of thing, at the Bristol meeting last May. The roar of YES to the Chairman's question of a repeat at the next A.G.M., showed that delegates were more than glad of the opportunity of questions and discussion.



We all have one end in view, the best possible help for all spastics, and this is certainly one way of enabling groups to find out answers to the many problems that arise at local level, and the policy of the National Executive Committee.

To my mind, the A.G.M. was a great meeting, and I offer congratulations to everyone concerned in its arrangements, and a sincere Thank You to a very good Chairman.

Yours sincerely, WM. G. THOMAS
(Hon. Sec., Gloucester and District).

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AN IDEA FOR CHRISTMAS

Please ask all your friends to give you the postage stamps from their Christmas Cards — the special Christmas Stamp. Then send as many as you can to The Spastics Work Centre, Dovercourt Road, Bristol, 7. Please leave the stamps on the corner of the envelope—we will soak them off. We would also welcome regular supplies of all the special Commemorative Stamps, Colonial and Foreign Stamps from Office and Bank mail, also collections accumulations, and duplicates.

CORRECTION

In the article, *Shirley Keene in Australia*, published in the November issue of SPASTICS NEWS, it was stated that in Britain there is no grant available for providing facilities for ineducable children under the age of five, and day care for adults. The Executive Committee wish it to be known that in fact funds are received in some cases from Local Authorities for these people.



(Courtesy: Oldham Chronicle)

Mr. Charles Mapp, M.P. for East Oldham, seen here helping one of the girls when he visited Heathbank, the Oldham and District Centre for Spastics

Keen Competition in Helping Hand Youth Club Initiative Test

THE COMPETITION was so keen in the 1966 Initiative Test set for members of The Helping Hand Youth Club for Teenage Spastics, that four members were adjudged equal winners and will hold the trophy for three months each; they were: John Plevy, Leonard Holl, Ann Jeremiah and Janet Bentley (all 81 per cent).

These and other awards were presented by Mr. Paul S. Cadbury, President of the Midland Spastic Association, at an Open Evening in October, with Dr. M. Quayle, J.P., in the Chair.

Judging the test entries was done by Mr. S. K. Quayle, Club President; Mr. I. C. R. Archibald, Spastics Society Regional Officer for the West Midlands; Mr. and Mrs. P. Barrett, Club Leaders and Assistant Leaders, Mr. P. A. Whitehead, and Mr. J. Leonard.

Many varied suggestions were put forward as to how participants would invest £1,000 for a ten-year period, and most became acquainted with their local M.P. for the first time, for although they do not yet have a vote they were required to have an interview with him.

The next edition of the Club Magazine will be enriched with articles written by well-known personalities including: Mr. Russ Conway; Miss Sue Nicholls, (Marilyn of 'Crossroads'); Professor A. Cory, F.R.A.M., and Mr. M. J. K. Smith, captain of the Warwickshire Cricket

Team. Members must have used great charm and persuasion in obtaining these from such busy people.

Personal signatures of well-known people and varied information on television programmes was very fully covered.

In the collection of mosses, liverworts and lichens were specimens from places as far afield as Wyre Forest; the Lake District and South Wales.

To think that handicapped people are lacking in spare time pursuits is quite wrong, as evidenced by the range of activities covered in the hobbies section. Model car making—with layouts which have taken years to do; photography; coin, records and stamps collections; first aid, weaving and typing, along with charitable work make an interesting list.

Restriction from the lack of mobility is not apparent from the many jobs of service which members found it possible to carry out. Envelope addressing; regular visiting of aged and handicapped people; acting as flag day collectors and other forms of activity for charitable organisations are some of the avenues of service covered since the start of the year.

Once again, the test has been very worthwhile and although it was made harder at the request of members, the new challenge was accepted eagerly, and as seen by the result, keenly contested.

P.B.

Linton in Edwards Austria

THE ACTUAL HOLIDAY started on 4th August when we were going to fly by British Eagle to Austria. We were fortunate in staying in Innsbrück, which is the capital of the Tyrol. We took off from London Airport at 11.0 o'clock bound for Innsbrück Airport. We climbed up to 21,000 feet and it was an experience never to be forgotten to look down on the ground from so high up. The weather was perfect until we got over Brussels, then the cloud started to build up. We had dinner, which was very good. Just after dinner the captain announced that we would be diverted to Munich because of cloud at Innsbrück. We landed and waited for an ambulance to take us from the airport to the waiting coach which was to take us to Innsbrück. When we got settled in the coach we learnt that it would take us 4½ hours to get to Innsbrück but there was one consolation—we would see more of the countryside.

We arrived at Innsbrück at 6.30 p.m. and there a taxi was waiting to take us to our hotel. After such a long journey we did not feel like doing much but go to bed. After we had had dinner we went out to explore. It was a gorgeous sight—all the lights of Innsbrück flickering. After looking round we finally got to bed at 12 o'clock.

The next couple of days were spent exploring Innsbrück and discussing what we were going to do in the following two weeks. We decided to go on two coach trips—one to Salzburg and the other to Oberammergau. As it was my first visit abroad I wanted to see as much as I could and I think I managed to do so. When we went to Oberammergau we learnt a most interesting fact—that the Passion Plays could only be acted by people who had been there for twenty years, and also that it took ten years to produce one play.

During our two weeks we met lots of people and enjoyed ourselves very much indeed. On our last Sunday there was a flower procession because it was the annual holiday. We took very good photographs.

At the end of the two weeks we had to return. It was good to think that we had had such a wonderful time, but we had to come back to work afterwards.

SCHOOLS AND CENTRES ADDRESSES

Schools

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South-East Surrey Group	TOC
South-West Surrey Group	TEOC
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The Spastics Society

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NOTICE FROM THE EDITOR

OWING to the increase in the number of Schools, Centres and Hostels, and also the Groups, the lists of names and addresses, etc., which are published in 'Spastics News' are becoming too long to be accommodated every month.

Unless serious objections are made to this proposal, it is planned therefore to publish them on alternate months, i.e. Schools and Centres, etc., one month, and Group Provision the following month, and so on, starting in January, 1967.

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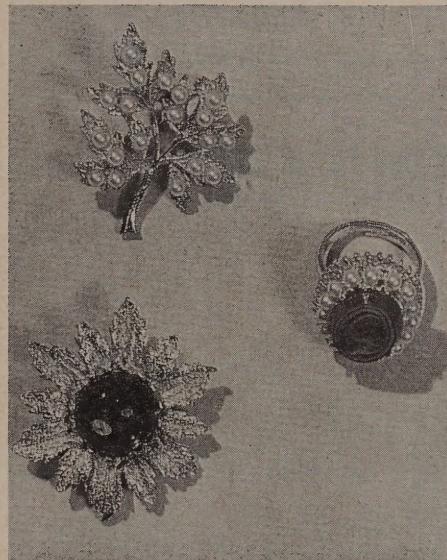
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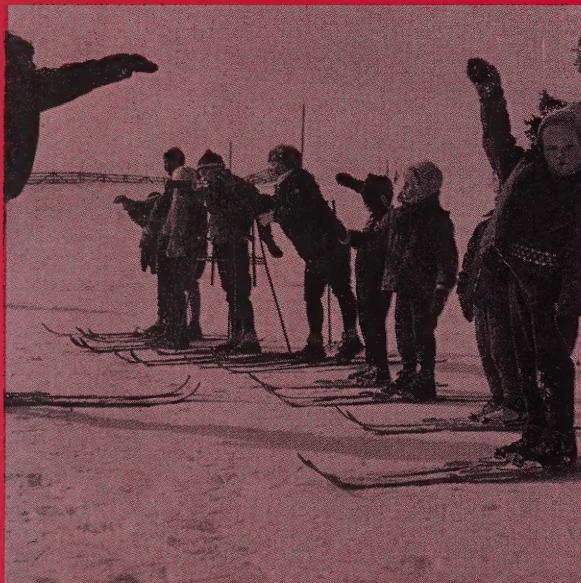
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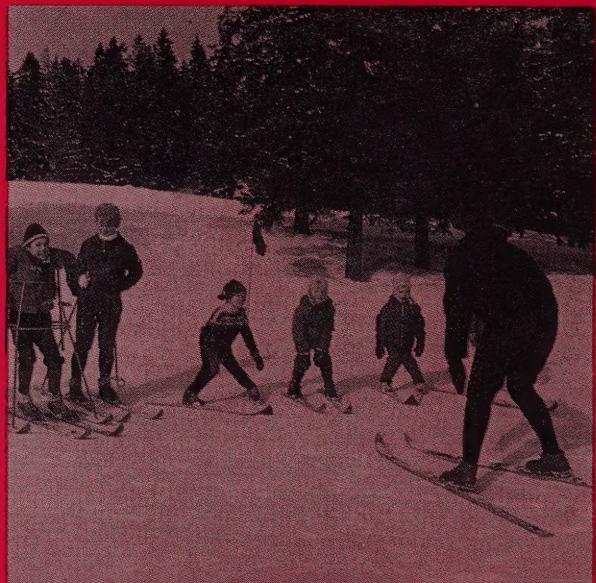
by Bente Eriksen (Ski-Instructor)

Snow surrounds us in this country for at least four months of the year; it is dry and freezing but can be damp and wet. We shuffle, push the spade, kick and slide. On skis we enjoy gliding, rhythmical movements. The natural adaption to the winter season concerns us all and is as important for the handicapped to develop as it is for normal children.

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